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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FROM May 4, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner and Treasurer Pam Blekestad and Clerk Ellen Hanson.

Others in Attendance: There were 11 others in attendance and 1 via Zoom.

This meeting was held in-person with a ZOOM connection.

Call to order the Regular meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of April 6, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the April 6, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Amended under Clerk's report, 3rd bullet change Chic to Cich.

Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad: Blekestad reported the treasurer does not balance with the bank. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed moving the checking account to a different bank. There was a concern expressed with current bank, Wells Fargo, connecting personal accounts with the town's account.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson: The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to pay claims 10352-10354, 10374-10383 for a total of \$38,152.94 and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Minno-ette Inc.: The Report of the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County MN with special reference to good moral character and repute was presented for consideration to the Town Board for approval for their liquor license renewal. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 16 total received: 1 mail and 15 emails.

Reports: Roads report April 2022: Chair Ray reported the roads this spring were wet and full of pot holes.

Fire Department report for April 2022: Supervisor Wagner reported there were nine calls in April. They included five medical calls, one motor vehicle accident, one powerline down, and two public assistance calls.

Training for month included: search & rescue, wildland fires, fire behavior, and ventilation and SCBA training. Eight smoke alarms were installed in the community. New fire member: Darrin Wixo. The Annual Fishing Opener Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 7AM – Noon at the Community Center. Cemetery

report for April 2022: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. He cleaned up the road and old flowers. Parks and Recreation report for April 2022: Supervisor Rapp cleaned up the tennis/pickle ball court. Chair Ray reported ATV damage on the sliding hill. An option is to extend the berm to prevent ATVs from accessing the hill. Community Center & Pavilion report for April 2022: Chair Ray stated the electrician finished the electrical repairs for the griddles. The Heating contractor repaired leaking heating pipes around the basement door and began repair of the women's restroom radiator controls. Quotes for playground groundwork: Supervisor Cich talked about the playground equipment layout. It was recommended that sand be laid down. A landscaper is going to create a plan for the groundwork. It was suggested they acquire quotes for groundwork (landscaper and excavating) and authorize Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich to accept the best quote. There was a motion Supervisor Pawlowicz to authorize Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich to obtain quotes and accept the best one. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. There was a motion by Chair Ray to move the propane tank a different location and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Update on Town Hall window replacements: Supervisor Cich talked about the contractor taking out the windows and temporarily installing plywood until the windows arrive and he can finish the job. Update on Exterior Digital sign at Town Hall: Supervisor Cich stated the sign is here. The contractor will be working with a bobcat. The town supervisors will work on taking down the old signs and wiring. Supervisor Cich reported the playground equipment will be installed the first week of June. Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich will be working on the grounds before placement. The climbing apparatus is enroute to the town hall. Zoom connections: Supervisor Cich and Chair Ray are still working on it. It was realized the hotspot was not working. There was a motion by Chair Ray and seconded by Supervisor Rapp to terminate the hotspot service. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. There was an alarm that went off at the town hall. It turned out to be a full septic tank, Chair Ray resolved the issue. Recycling report for April 2022: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating very well. Other Meetings for April 2022: Chair Ray attended the Reservoir Riders district meeting. The ATVs are tearing up the trails. Preparedness Plan Update for April 2022: Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report.

Open Forum: Ms. Bell talked about the St. Louis County approvals of gravel pits. She handed out copies of a CUP and talked about township powers. Bruce Anderson asked about Board if there was any action taken from last month's discussion on township powers and a citizens committee. Supervisor Cich will attend the MAT Town Law Review session, hoping to obtain more information on land use management. Chair Ray supported Supervisor Cich attending the session. There was a discussion of the needs for the township. Mike Roberts talked about the boat launch lighting on Island Lake reservoir. He has observed the traffic patterns and they do not warrant lighting. His concern of additional light pollution, in his opinion, it is not necessary. The solution may be to change the direction of the lighting and add shielding or change to amber lighting.

Old Business: Dam Lighting: Supervisor Pawlowicz had an email from Starry Sky. They offered to check in to lighting and help out and talk with MN Power.

New Business: 2022 Annual Road Review: Chair Ray reported East Cook Lake Road will be one of the big projects this year. It needs a lot of gravel. East Cook Lake Road and East Hunter Road ditches are filling up. The ditches need to be cleaned out. On East Island Lake Road there is a culvert that is arched in the middle, and one has a hole in it. They may need to be replaced this year. Bear Island Road asphalt is cracking. A hot mix of asphalt may resolve this issue. There are many gravel projects on the roads. Second monthly Board meeting for May 18, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have the second monthly meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM and seconded Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2022 TOWN BOARD EMERGENCY MEETING

The emergency Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich, Walter Rapp.

Others in Attendance: Fire chief Linda Bergstrand, Glen Bergstrand, Danielle Siem, Mark Baker, Deputy Nick Volske, and Julie Sunnarberg.

The purpose of the meeting was to assess the FEMA warning on flooding in Fredenberg.

Call to order the Regular meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.

Assessment of roads: Fire Chief Bergstrand notified the Board there was a FEMA warning in Fredenberg for Bear Island Road and East Hunter Lake Road. Fish Lake Road conditions are steady but high. The Board had a discussion on how to resolve the flooding of these roads. Kyle Maher from Minnesota Power is the Dam Safety Coordinator. The emergency plan: send out an alert to cell phones from the nearest tower by using the Northland Alert system. High flow operation: 1370.4 from 1369.8. Emergency access on Bear Island Road is over the dam. East Hunter Lake Road is flooded. Properties at the end are not accessible. The town will need to obtain barricades for flooded roads.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



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